

SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 3

Agenda

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Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee #3 (Human Services)
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Program Reduction		Gov Proposal			LAO Options			November Alternative			Senate Republican Alternatives		
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Human Services													
1	Alcohol and Drug Programs —Redirect asset forfeiture proceeds to support community substance abuse treatment. This alternative funding source could support spending for cost-effective substance abuse treatment services.			0.0	0.0	10.0	10.0			0.0			0.0
2	Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Program (SSI/SSP) —Reduce combined SSI/SSP monthly grants to December 2008 levels. This action captures savings from January 2009 federal COLA, effective March 1, 2009.			0.0	156.0	479.3	635.3	156.0	471.8	627.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
3	SSI/SSP —Reduce grants for couples to 125 percent of federal poverty level.			0.0	38.9	119.4	158.3			0.0			0.0
4	SSI/SSP -- Suspend the June 2010 state COLA							0.0	26.0	26.0			
5	SSI/SSP - (1) Reduce grants for aged, blind, and disabled persons to the federal minimum. Grants would be reduced to \$830 per month for individuals and to \$1407 for couples. (2) Eliminate Cash Assistance Program for recent legal immigrants who are aged or disabled.	195.4	1,078.0	1,273.4			0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
6	Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants —Make some current recipients eligible for federal benefits. This proposal takes advantage of new federal funds.			0.0	1.1	18.1	19.2						0.0
7	In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) —Limit state support for provider wages to current state average (\$10 per hour). Counties above the state average would share the marginal cost with the federal government.			0.0	29.0	89.0	118.0			0.0			0.0
8	IHSS —Impose graduated caps for domestic services.			0.0	11.6	37.1	48.7			0.0			0.0
9	IHSS —Reduce state participation in share-of-cost buyouts.			0.0	7.4	23.6	31.0			0.0			0.0
10	In-Home Supportive Services Program (IHSS) - (1) provide non-medical services only to the highest need consumers, as measured by a functional index score of 4 or higher and (2) increase how much some individuals will have to pay before receiving subsidized services	17.7	99.3	117.0			0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
11	IHSS - Reduce state participation in IHSS worker wages to the state minimum wage (\$8 per hour) plus 60 cents per hour for health benefits.	41.5	228.1	269.6			0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
12	Community Care Licensing —Increase fees for child care and community care facilities. We estimate that a 25 percent fee increase would raise cost recovery to about 50 percent of program costs.			0.0	1.7	5.2	6.9			0.0			0.0
13	Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment Program —Enable drawdown of federal funds to off-set costs, pursuant to federal legislation. This proposal takes advantage of new federal funds.			0.0	1.8	72.6	74.4			0.0			0.0
14	California Work Opportunities and Responsibilities for Kids (CalWORKs) —Adopt community service requirement for parents who have been on aid for more than five years, as a condition of eligibility for receiving child grants. Parents would be required to work 20 hours per week, meet federal work participation requirements, or accept a community service position.			0.0	0.9	23.5	24.4			0.0			0.0
15	CalWORKs —Make in-person interview a condition of eligibility for adult cases. This action targets cases with a work-eligible adult who could benefit from contact and engagement.			0.0	3.2	9.6	12.8			0.0			0.0

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16	CalWORKs —Suspend the July 2009 COLA			0.0	0.0	119.5	119.5	0.0	99.0	99.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
17	CalWORKs - (1) Make changes to welfare to work program requirements, including establishing time limits for child-only cases and work requirements for families who have reached their time limit. Setting time limits for child-only cases could result in children not receiving the aid they need despite still being income-eligible. (2) Implement semi-annual self sufficiency reviews as a condition of eligibility for the entire family. Case workers would meet with CalWORKs recipients not meeting federal work participation requirements to determine barriers to employment. Failure to attend a self-sufficiency review every six months would eliminate aid entirely. 3) Reduce cash grants by 10%. Savings amount is dependent on sufficient excess MOE being available.	137.0	776.1	913.1			0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
18	Welfare Automation —Delay replacement of Los Angeles County computer system by two years. The current system is functional; bid award for a new system is otherwise anticipated in early 2009.			0.0	0.0	14.6	14.6			0.0			0.0
19	Food Assistance - Eliminate California Food Assistance Program effective July 1, 2009. This program provides state-funded food stamps for legal immigrants who are not eligible for federal assistance, but are income-eligible for aid.	0.0	30.3	30.3			0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20	Transitional Housing Plus Program - Require 20% County Share of Cost for the Transitional Housing Plus Program. Prior to 2006-07, the program required a 60/40 county/state share of cost. The share of cost was eliminated in 2007-08. Since then, the program has grown from \$1 million General Fund in 2005-06 to more than \$40 million General Fund in 2008-09. This proposal would reinstate a share of cost, at 20/80 county/state.	0.0	0.0	0.0			0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	10.0